

Interim Classifier Update and Recommendations

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1 Overview

Due to the recent rule changes, all classifiers for the Limited-10 division were put into temporary provisional mode, effective Jan 31st, 2025. In this update, we (the USPSA Classifier Committee) address the status of Limited-10 classifiers, outline a guaranteed active classifier list valid through January 2026, and prepare clubs for upcoming changes to the USPSA Classification System. We also provide insight into the Committee's data-driven approach to the classifier selection and our ongoing work to optimize the USPSA Classification System across all divisions.

2 Key Information

1. Limited-10 division classifiers are in provisional status
2. A reviewed shortlist of classifiers is guaranteed active through January 31st, 2026
3. All current classifiers remain active in other divisions
4. Future plans include optimizing the total classifier count from the current 100 to 50-60
5. Selected classifiers represent highest quality stages based on:
 - (a) Strong correlation to Elo ratings & existing classification brackets
 - (b) Consistent classification outcomes
 - (c) Smooth score distribution across skill levels
6. Most of the selected classifiers are compatible with a wide range of bay configurations, including indoor ranges

3 Guaranteed Active Classifiers (Through January 31st, 2026)

To speed up the process of reactivating Limited-10 classifiers and to prevent any fees being paid on classifiers that will be retired later this year, we recommend the following classifiers.

- 99-10 Times Two
- 99-11 El Presidente
- 99-19 Payne's Pain
- 99-28 Hillbillton Drill
- 99-42 Fast'n Furious

- 99-46 Close Quarter Standards
- 99-53 Triple Play
- 99-62 Bang and Clang
- 03-03 Take 'em Down
- 03-05 Paper Poppers
- 06-05 Fluffy's Regveng 2
- 06-10 Steely Speed VII
- 09-10 Life's Little Problems
- 13-02 Down the Middle
- 13-05 Tick-Tock
- 13-06 Too Close For Comfort
- 18-03 We Play Games
- 18-07 Someone Is Always Willing To Pay
- 18-08 The Condor
- 18-09 I Miss That Kind of Clarity
- 19-02 Hi-Way Robbery
- 19-04 Hi Cost of Living
- 20-01 Wish You Were Here
- 20-02 Deja Vu
- 20-03 Deja Vu All Over Again
- 21-01 8 x 3 Trigger Freeze
- 22-01 Righty Tightly
- 22-02 Lefty Loosey
- 22-07 Cross Road Blues
- 23-01 THS Short Course
- 23-02 This could be the Greatest Night of Our Lives
- 24-01 Can you Strong and Weak Hand?
- 24-04 The Thrill of the Bill Drill
- 24-08 And now for something completely different
- 24-09 Tres Cajas

All classifiers on this list (including 23- and 24-series) will count for Limited-10 classification purposes once the new High Hit Factors (HHFs, benchmark scores used for classification calculations) are ready. We hope that this encourages more shooters to shoot and classify in the newly updated Limited-10 division.

4 Current Status and Future Changes

We are not pruning anything right now; all classifiers (except in the Limited-10 division) stay active, and any changes to them must go through a Board of Directors (BOD) vote first. However, in anticipation of the first iteration of changes to the USPSA Classification System, we would like to make a promise to keep a shorter list of classifiers, ensuring that people who shoot low participation divisions will have enough classifiers to shoot between now and first pruning.

Currently, from the data-collecting standpoint, we have too many divisions and classifiers (9 x 100), making data collection and High Hit Factor calculation for newly introduced changes (Production, Limited-10) slow. To speed it up, we want to reduce the total number of classifiers to around 50-60, pending the BOD vote, during the first set of changes to the USPSA Classification System.

Like before, the USPSA Classifier Committee will monitor and update the active classifiers list and HHFs from time to time, keeping the best classifiers in, adding new ones, and retiring bad and unpopular ones. We believe that Classifiers and HHFs are living documents and should keep evolving with the sport.

5 Classifier Committee Mission

The mission of the Classifier Committee is to develop a standardized method of calculating classification that accurately reflects members' skill levels using mathematically robust statistical methods, which eliminates subjectivity and bias from the process, and makes it 100% data-driven.

The committee's first priority was to recalculate the High Hit Factors for the 23- and 24-series classifiers, which were identified as poorly calibrated. With the help of Elo ratings correlation and statistical analysis of existing classification brackets, we found a way to calibrate the system with new HHFs to set the relative difficulty equal for all stages regardless of the division.